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Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate
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Office of the Secretary

Re: Proposed change to Media Ownership Rules

Dear Commissioner Tate:

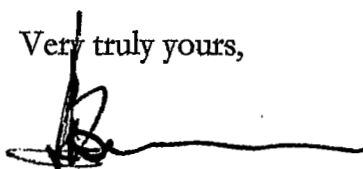
I was shocked to learn recently of the FCC Chairman's proposed Media Ownership Rules change that would permit a newspaper or a media conglomerate that owns a newspaper to purchase a radio or television station in the same market served by that newspaper. The extremely short notice that was given for public attendance and input regarding the proposal also lends a "rush to judgment" flavor to it that is alarming indeed.

I agree that we should be concerned about the health of our newspapers in this age of electronic media, and that we need to preserve, not quash, diversity of opinion and expression in the print media. And, I certainly understand that this is a challenge. However, this Orwellian proposal would foster an unhealthy, monopolistic control of the media as is already patently evident in, e.g., Rupert Murdoch's media empire.

I have no doubt that a solution can be found, but it must be the product of careful thought with the goal of enhancing, not further diminishing the freedom of our national press. Therefore, I urge you to vote no to this proposal, and instead seek broad counsel to find a truly workable solution.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



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